

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

MELISSA MARCHBANKS,

Plaintiff,

v.

BAYER CORPORATION,
an Indiana corporation;
100 Bayer Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205,

BAYER HEALTHCARE
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,
a Delaware corporation,
6 West Belt Road
Wayne, NJ 07470,

BAYER HEALTHCARE, LLC,
a Delaware corporation,
555 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591,

Defendants.

:
: Civil Action No. _____.

COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, Melissa Marchbanks, by and through her counsel, and for her Complaint against
Defendants, alleges as follows:

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1. Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks is a resident and citizen of Spring, Texas, located in Harris County.

2. Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks was prescribed and ingested Yaz in the State of Texas, and while using Yaz she suffered a pulmonary embolism in or about December, 2007 in the State of Texas.

3. Plaintiff alleges an amount in controversy in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of interest and costs.

4. Defendant Bayer Corporation is an Indiana corporation with its principal place of business at 100 Bayer Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205. Defendant Bayer Corporation is engaged in the business of researching, developing, designing, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, supplying, selling, marketing, and/or introducing into interstate commerce, either directly or indirectly through third parties or related entities, its products, including the prescription drugs Yasmin and Yaz. At all relevant times, Defendant Bayer Corporation conducted regular and sustained business in Texas by selling and distributing its products in Texas and engaged in substantial commerce and business activity in Harris County.

5. Defendant Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business at 6 West Belt Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470. Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc. was created by the integration of Bayer Healthcare and Berlex Laboratories. Defendant Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is engaged in the business of researching, developing, designing, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, supplying, selling, marketing, and/or introducing into interstate commerce, either directly or indirectly through third parties or related entities, its products, including the prescription drugs Yasmin and Yaz. At all relevant times, Defendant Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc. conducted regular and sustained business in Texas by selling and distributing its products in Texas and engaged in substantial commerce and business activity in Harris County.

6. Defendant Bayer Healthcare, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company, with its principal place of business at 555 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 10591. Bayer

Healthcare, LLC was involved in the integration of Bayer Healthcare and Berlex Laboratories. Defendant Bayer Healthcare, LLC is engaged in the business of researching, developing, designing, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, supplying, selling, marketing, and/or introducing into interstate commerce, either directly or indirectly through third parties or related entities, its products, including the prescription drugs Yasmin and Yaz. At all relevant times, Defendant Bayer Healthcare, LLC conducted regular and sustained business in Texas by selling and distributing its products in Texas and engaged in substantial commerce and business activity in Harris County.

7. Berlex Laboratories International, Inc. was a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Montville, New Jersey. Berlex Laboratories International, Inc. was integrated with Bayer Healthcare, leading to the creation of Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Prior to being integrated with Bayer Healthcare to create Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Berlex Laboratories International, Inc. was engaged in the business of researching, developing, designing, licensing, manufacturing, supplying, distributing, selling, marketing, and/or introducing into interstate commerce, either directly or indirectly through third parties or related entities, its products, including the prescription drugs Yasmin and Yaz. At all relevant times, Berlex Laboratories International, Inc. conducted regular and sustained business Texas in by selling and distributing its products in Texas and engaged in substantial commerce and business activity in Harris County.

8. Defendants Bayer Corporation, Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Bayer Healthcare, LLC are collectively referred to herein as “Bayer” or “Defendants.”

9. This court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332 because there is complete diversity of citizenship between the parties, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

10. Venue in this district is appropriate under 28 U.S.C. §1391 because a substantial part of the events giving rise to this claim occurred in this district as Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks was prescribed and used Yaz in this district, and because she resided in this district at the time of her injuries.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Nature of the Case

11. Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks brings this case against Defendants for damages associated with her ingestion of the pharmaceutical drug Yaz (ethinyl estradiol and drospirenone), which is an oral contraceptive designed, manufactured, supplied, marketed, and distributed by Defendants. Specifically, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks was diagnosed with a pulmonary embolism in December, 2007 as a direct result of her use of Yaz.

Bayer's Combined Oral Contraceptives – Yasmin and Yaz

12. Yasmin and Yaz are birth control pills manufactured and marketed by Bayer. They are combination oral contraceptives, or “COCs,” meaning that they contain an estrogen component and a progestin component. Together, these steroidal components work together in COCs to suppress ovulation, fertilization, and implantation and thus prevent pregnancy.

13. Yasmin and Yaz were approved by the Food and Drug Administration for marketing in 2001 and 2006 respectively.

Yasmin and Yaz Contain a “Fourth Generation” Progestin

14. The estrogen component in Yasmin and Yaz is known generically as ethinyl estradiol. The progestin component is known as drospirenone. Yasmin contains 0.03 milligrams of ethinyl estradiol, and Yaz contains 0.02 milligrams of ethinyl estradiol. Both products contain 3 milligrams of drospirenone.

15. Yasmin and Yaz are different from other combined hormonal birth control pills in that they contain drospirenone, a progestin that is unlike other progestins available in the United States and was never before marketed in the United States prior to its use in Yasmin.

16. Shortly after the introduction of combined oral contraceptives in the 1960's, doctors and researchers found that women using birth control pills had a higher risk of blood clots, heart attacks, and strokes than women not using the pill. As a result, the various brands of birth control pills were reformulated to reduce the amounts of estrogen. As the amounts of estrogen levels reduced, so too did the risk of blood clots, heart attacks, and strokes.

17. During this time, new progestins were being developed, which became known as “second generation” progestins (e.g. lovenorgestrel). These second generation progestins, when combined with the lower amounts of the estrogen, ethinyl estradiol, helped to reduce the risk of blood clots, heart attacks, and strokes and were considered safer for women.

18. During the 1990's, new “third generation” progestins were developed. Unfortunately, these “third generation” progestins (e.g. gestodene and desogestrel) have been associated with a greater risk of blood clots in the deep veins (deep vein thrombosis or “DVT”) and lungs (pulmonary embolism or “PE”). As a result of this increased risk of blood clots, the FDA has

required that products containing third generation progestins include a Warning of the potentially increased risk of thrombosis.

19. Yasmin and Yaz contain the same estrogen component, ethinyl estradiol that has been used in the lower dose birth control pills for decades.

20. However, drospirenone is a new type of progestin and is considered a “fourth generation” progestin. No other birth control pills contain drospirenone, except for a recently approved generic version of Yasmin and Yaz marketed under the trade name Ocella.

21. Since drospirenone is new, there are not decades of data available to support its safe use as there are with second generation progestins. Studies that were done prior to FDA approval, however, indicate that drospirenone has certain effects that are different from those of traditional second generation progestins, and potentially more dangerous.

22. One possible mechanism of action is that drospirenone interacts differently with ethinyl estradiol compared to other progestins, such that it does not sufficiently counterbalance the clotting effects of estrogen as do other progestins, particularly the second generation progestins.

23. Another possible mechanism of action is that drospirenone causes an increase in potassium levels in the blood, which can lead to a condition known as hyperkalemia if the potassium levels become too high.

24. Hyperkalemia can cause heart rhythm disturbances, such as extrasystolies, pauses, or bradycardia. If left untreated, hyperkalemia can be fatal.

25. If hyperkalemia disrupts the normal heart rhythms, the flow of blood through the heart can be slowed to the point that it permits blood clots to form. Blood clots in the heart can then lead to heart attacks, or the clots can break off and travel to the lungs where they can cause pulmonary embolism, or can travel to the brain causing stroke.

26. Indeed, during the brief time that Yasmin and Yaz have been sold in the United States, hundreds of reports of injury and death have been submitted to the FDA in association with Defendants' products.

27. In April 2002, the British Medical Journal reported that the Dutch College of General Practitioners recommended that older second generation birth control pills be prescribed in lieu of Yasmin as a result of 40 cases of venous thrombosis among women taking Yasmin.

28. In February 2003, a paper entitled *Thromboembolism Associated With the New Contraceptive Yasmin* was published in the British Medical Journal detailing a Netherlands Pharmacovigilance Centre report of five additional reports of thromboembolism where Yasmin was suspected as the cause, including two deaths.

29. In fact, in less than a five-year period, from the first quarter of 2004 through the third quarter of 2008, over 50 reports of death among users of Yasmin and Yaz have been filed with the FDA.

30. These reports include deaths associated with cardiac arrhythmia, cardiac arrest, intracardiac thrombus, pulmonary embolism, and stroke in women in their child bearing years.

31. Some deaths reported occurred in women as young as 17 years old.

32. Significantly, reports of elevated potassium levels are frequently included among the symptoms of those suffering death while using Yasmin or Yaz.

Over-Promotion of Yasmin and Yaz

33. Defendants market Yasmin and Yaz as providing the same efficacy as other birth control pills in preventing pregnancy, but with additional benefits.

34. However, because Yasmin and Yaz contain the fourth generation progestin drospirenone, they present additional health risks not associated with other birth control pills.

35. For example, prior to its integration with Defendant Bayer in 2006, Berlex Laboratories promoted Yasmin's fourth generation progestin, drospirenone, by stating, "Ask about Yasmin, and the difference a little chemistry can make."

36. In response, on July 10, 2003, the FDA objected to the characterization that drospirenone was a benefit compared to the progestin used in other combined oral contraceptives and issued a warning letter stating, "FDA is not aware of substantial evidence of substantial clinical experience demonstrating that Yasmin is superior to other COCs or that the drospirenone in Yasmin is clinically beneficial. On the contrary, FDA is aware of the added clinical risks associated with drospirenone [.]"

37. The FDA's warning letter continued by stating that the advertisement failed "to communicate that the potential to increase potassium is a risk" or that "increased serum potassium can be dangerous."

38. More recently, Defendants advertised that its product Yaz was indicated for treatment of premenstrual syndrome or “PMS,” as opposed to the less serious condition of premenstrual dysphoric disorder or “PMDD.”

39. Defendants also advertised that Yaz contained the added benefit of preventing or reducing acne.

40. In response, on October 3, 2008, the FDA issued another warning letter to Defendant Bayer for the misleading advertisement, reiterating that the marketing was misleading because it promoted Yaz for medical conditions beyond the limits of the FDA approval, and adding that “Yaz has additional risks because it contains the progestin, drospirenone ... which can lead to hyperkalemia in high risk patients, which may result in potentially serious heart and health problems.”

41. The FDA further warned in its October 3, 2008 letter that Yaz “does not result in completely clear skin” and that Defendants’ “TV Ads misleadingly overstate the efficacy of the drug.”

42. Indeed, the FDA felt Defendants’ overpromotion of Yasmin was so severe that it required Bayer to run new TV advertisements to correct the previous misleading Yaz advertisements regarding acne and premenstrual syndrome.

43. Bayer ultimately agreed to spend at least \$20 million on corrective TV advertisements and to submit all Yaz advertisements to the FDA for advanced screening for the next six years.

Plaintiff’s Use of Yaz and Resulting Injuries

44. As a result of Defendants' claim regarding the effectiveness and safety of Yaz, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks's medical provider prescribed and Melissa Marchbanks began using Yaz in approximately 2007, and she continued using Yaz until December, 2007, when she was diagnosed with a pulmonary embolism.

45. Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks was hospitalized for those injuries in December, 2007.

46. As a direct and proximate result of using Yaz, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks suffered the injuries described above.

47. Prior to Plaintiff's use of Yaz, Defendants knew or should have known that use of Yaz created a higher risk of thromboembolic events than other oral contraceptives on the market, including but not limited to second generation oral contraceptives, and that, when taken as directed, such use was unreasonably dangerous to consumers.

48. Therefore, at the time Plaintiff used Yaz, Defendants knew or should have known that the use of Yaz created an increased risk to consumers of serious personal injury, including deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, heart attacks, stroke, and even death.

49. Despite the fact that Defendants knew or should have known of the serious health risks associated with the use of Yaz, Defendants failed to adequately warn Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks and/or her health care providers of said serious risks before she used the products.

50. Had Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks and/or her health care providers known of the increased risks and dangers associated with Yaz, she would not have used the product and would not have suffered a pulmonary embolism in December of 2007.

51. As a direct and proximate result of her use of Yaz, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks suffered physical injury, including but not limited to, conscious pain and suffering, as a result of her pulmonary embolism.

52. As a direct and proximate result of her use of Yaz, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks has suffered and will continue to suffer pecuniary losses.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Products Liability

Defective Manufacturing

53. Plaintiff incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs and further allege as follows.

54. Defendants are the manufacturers, designers, distributors, sellers, and/or suppliers of Yaz.

55. The Yaz birth control pills manufactured, designed, sold, distributed, supplied and/or placed in the stream of commerce by Defendants were expected to and did reach the consumer, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks, without any alterations or changes.

56. The Yaz birth control pill product manufactured, designed, sold, distributed, supplied and/or placed in the stream of commerce by Defendants, was defective in its manufacture and construction when it left the hands of Defendants in that the product deviated from design specification, formula, or performance standards of the manufacturer, such that it was unreasonably dangerous to an ordinary user or consumer and posed a serious risk of injury and death.

57. As a direct and proximate result of Plaintiff's use of Yaz as manufactured, designed, sold, supplied and introduced into the stream of commerce by Defendants, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks suffered personal injury, economic and non-economic damages, and will continue to suffer such harm, damages, and economic loss in the future.

58. Defendants acted willfully or with gross negligence indicating a wanton disregard for the rights of Plaintiff and others, rendering Defendants liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Products Liability

Defect in Design or Formulation

59. Plaintiff incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs and further allege as follows.

60. Defendants are the manufacturers, designers, distributors, sellers, or suppliers of Yaz.

61. The Yaz birth control pills manufactured, designed, sold, distributed, supplied and/or placed in the stream of commerce by Defendants were expected to and did reach consumers such as Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks without any alterations or changes.

62. The Yaz birth control pill product manufactured, designed, sold, distributed, supplied and/or placed in the stream of commerce was defective in design or formulation in that, when it left the hands of Defendants, the foreseeable risks of the product exceeded the benefits associated with its design or formulation, and/or the product was more dangerous than an ordinary consumer would expect.

63. The foreseeable risks associated with the design or formulation of the Yaz birth control pill product, include, but are not limited to, the fact that the design or formulation of Yaz is more dangerous than a reasonably prudent consumer would expect when used in an intended or reasonably foreseeable manner.

64. As a direct and proximate result of Plaintiff's use of Yaz as manufactured, designed, sold, supplied and introduced into the stream of commerce by Defendants, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks suffered personal injury, economic and non-economic damages, and will continue to suffer such harm, damages, and economic loss in the future.

65. Defendants acted willfully or with gross negligence indicating a wanton disregard for the rights of Plaintiff and others, rendering Defendants liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Products Liability

Defect Due to Inadequate Warning or Instruction and

Inadequate Post-Marketing Warning or Instruction

66. Plaintiff incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs and further allege as follows.

67. Defendants are the manufacturers, designers, distributors, sellers, or suppliers of Yaz.

68. The Yaz birth control pills manufactured and supplied by Defendants were defective due to inadequate warning or instruction, because at the time the product left their control Defendants knew or should have known that the product was unreasonably dangerous in that it

created a substantial increased risk of serious bodily harm and death to reasonably foreseeable consumers such as Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks, and Defendants failed to adequately warn consumers and/or their health care providers of such increased risk.

69. The Yaz birth control pills manufactured and supplied by Defendants were also defective due to inadequate post-marketing warning or instruction, because after the product left their control, Defendants became aware of or in the exercise of ordinary care should have known that the product posed a substantial increased risk of serious bodily harm and death to reasonably foreseeable consumers such as Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks and failed to take reasonable steps to provide adequate warnings or instructions to consumers and/or their health care providers of such increased risk.

70. As a direct and proximate result of Plaintiff's use of Yaz as manufactured, designed, sold, supplied and introduced into the stream of commerce by Defendants, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks suffered personal injury, economic and non-economic damages, and will continue to suffer such harm, damages, and economic loss in the future.

71. Defendants acted willfully or with gross negligence indicating a wanton disregard for the rights of Plaintiff and others, rendering Defendant liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Negligence

72. Plaintiff incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs and further allege as follows.

73. Defendants had a duty to exercise reasonable care in the manufacture, design, sale, distribution, supply, marketing, and/or placement of Yaz into the stream of commerce, including a duty to ensure that its product did not pose a significantly increased risk of bodily harm and adverse events.

74. Defendants failed to exercise ordinary care in the design, formulation, manufacture, sale, testing, quality assurance, quality control, labeling, marketing, promotions and distribution of Yaz into interstate commerce in that Defendants knew, or should have known, that the product caused such significant bodily harm or death and was not safe for use by consumers.

75. Defendants also failed to exercise ordinary care in the labeling of Yaz and failed to issue to consumers and/or their health care providers adequate warnings of the increased risk of serious bodily injury or death due to the use of Yaz.

76. Despite the fact that Defendants knew or should have known that Yaz posed a serious increased risk of bodily harm to consumers, Defendants continued to manufacture and market Yaz for use by consumers.

77. Defendants knew or should have known that consumers, such as Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks, would foreseeably suffer injury as a result of Defendants' failure to exercise ordinary care as described above.

78. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks suffered personal injury, economic and non-economic damages, and will continue to suffer such harm, damages, and economic loss in the future.

79. Defendants acted willfully or with gross negligence indicating a wanton disregard for the rights of Plaintiff and others, rendering Defendant liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Express Warranty

80. Plaintiff incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs and further allege as follows.

81. Defendants expressly warranted that Yaz was a safe and effective birth control product.

82. The Yaz birth control product manufactured and sold by Defendants did not conform to these express representations because it caused serious injury to consumers who used the product.

83. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of warranty, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks suffered personal injury, economic and non-economic damages, and will continue to suffer such harm, damages, and economic loss in the future.

84. Defendants acted willfully or with gross negligence indicating a wanton disregard for the rights of Plaintiff and others, rendering Defendant liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Implied Warranty

85. Plaintiff incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs and further allege as follows.

86. At the time Defendants manufactured, marketed, sold, and distributed the Yaz birth control product, Defendants knew of the use for which the Yaz product was intended and impliedly warranted the Yaz product to be of merchantable quality, fitness, and safe for such use.

87. Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks and her health care provider reasonably relied upon the skill and judgment of Defendants as to whether Yaz was of merchantable quality and safe for its intended use and upon Defendants' implied warranty as to such matters.

88. Contrary to the implied warranty, Defendants' product Yaz was not of merchantable quality or safe for its intended use because it was unreasonably dangerous as described herein.

89. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of warranty, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks suffered personal injury, economic and non-economic damages, and will continue to suffer such harm, damages, and economic loss in the future.

90. Defendants acted willfully or with gross negligence indicating a wanton disregard for the rights of Plaintiff and others, rendering Defendant liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Negligent Misrepresentation and/or Fraud

91. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference, as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs and further allege as follows:

92. Defendants are the manufacturers, designers, distributors, sellers or suppliers of Yaz and, while engaged in the course of such business, made representations to Plaintiff and her physician regarding the character and/or quality of Yaz for guidance in their decision to select Yaz for Plaintiff's use.

93. Specifically, Defendants represented that their product was just as safe, and just as effective or more effective, than other birth control products on the market.

94. Defendants' representations regarding the character or quality of Yaz were untrue.

95. Defendants had actual knowledge based upon studies, published reports and clinical experience that its product Yaz created an unreasonable increased risk of serious bodily injury and death to consumers, or should have known such information.

96. Defendants negligently and/or intentionally misrepresented or omitted this information in its product labeling, promotions and advertisements and instead labeled, promoted and advertised its product as safe and effective in order to avoid losses and sustain profits in its sales to consumers.

97. In supplying the false information, Defendants failed to exercise reasonable care or competence in obtaining or communicating information to their intended recipients, including Plaintiff and her physician.

98. Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks and her physician reasonably relied to her detriment upon Defendants' misrepresentations and/or omissions in its labeling, advertisements, and promotions concerning the serious risks posed by the product. Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks reasonably relied upon Defendants' representations to her and/or her health care providers that Yaz was just as safe and effective as other types of oral contraceptives for human consumption and/or use and that Defendants' labeling, advertisements and promotions fully described all known risks of the product.

99. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligent and/or intentional misrepresentations or omissions, Plaintiff Melissa Marchbanks suffered personal injury, economic and non-economic damages, and will continue to suffer such harm, damages, and economic loss in the future.

100. Defendants acted willfully or with gross negligence indicating a wanton disregard for the rights of Plaintiff and others, rendering Defendant liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act (DTPA)

101. Plaintiff incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs and further allege as follows.

102. The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act prohibits the use of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation or concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact in the conduct of any trade or commerce and declares such acts or practices as unlawful.

103. At all times relevant, Defendants violated the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act by the use of false and misleading representations or omissions of material fact in connection with the marketing, promotion, and sale of Yaz. Defendants communicated the purported benefits of Yaz while failing to disclose the serious and dangerous side effects related to the use of Yaz with the intent that consumers, like Plaintiff, and their healthcare providers rely upon the misrepresentations and omissions and purchase or prescribe Yaz.

104. As a result of violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act, Defendants caused Plaintiff to be prescribed and to use Yaz, thereby causing severe injuries and damages as previously described herein.

105. Defendants acted willfully or with gross negligence indicating a wanton disregard for the rights of Plaintiff and others, rendering Defendant liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:


1. Compensatory and punitive damages in excess of the jurisdictional amount, including, but not limited to pain, suffering, emotional distress, loss of enjoyment of life, and other non-economic damages in an amount to be determined at trial of this action.
2. Medical expenses and other economic damages in an amount to be determined at trial of this action;
3. Attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs of this action;
4. Such further relief as this Court deems necessary, just, and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: November 23, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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